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Inmate Art Exhibit Coming to UMES Mosley Gallery

Sale of Artwork Will Benefit Victims' Services

TOWSON, MD (July 6, 2005) – After a kickoff auction and sale in Baltimore that raised more than \$3,000 for state crime victims, the first-ever DPSCS Inmate Art Exhibit will travel to the Eastern Shore this month. **Opening night for the exhibit is Thursday, July 14 at 5:30 at the Mosley Gallery on the campus of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore in Princess Anne.**

More than 60 paintings created by inmates will be available for sale, with the proceeds going directly to the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center (MCVRC). Founded by Roberta Roper, whose daughter was murdered more than 20 years ago, the MCVRC offers crucial support and legal guidance to crime victims. The art sale gives inmates a chance to give something back to those whose lives were shattered by criminal acts.

The art exhibit's kickoff at the Eubie Blake Cultural Center in Baltimore last month featured an auction of the paintings that were judged by a panel of juried artists to be the best of the submitted works. That event raised \$3,339 for the Maryland Crime Victims Resource Center.

OPENING NIGHT: *Thursday, July 14 5:30 p.m.*
Mosley Gallery at UMES Arts & Technologies Building

DISPLAY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: *July 15-28*

For more information: www.dpscs.state.md.us

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